

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 404

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AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO GAME AND FISH; AMENDING 29 O.S.

1981, SECTION 3-103, AS LAST AMENDED BY SECTION 1, CHAPTER 193, O.S.L. 1990 (29 O.S. SUPP. 1990, SECTION 3-103), WHICH RELATES TO POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION; REMOVING POWER OF COMMISSION TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY BY CONDEMNATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 1981, Section 3-103, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 193, O.S.L. 1990 (29 O.S. Supp. 1990, Section 3-103), is amended to read as follows:

Section 3-103. A. The Wildlife Conservation Commission shall constitute an advisory, administrative and policymaking board with whom the Director shall consult regarding the administration of the affairs of the Department. The Commission is authorized and empowered to require from the Director complete reports and information relative to the affairs of the Department at such time and in such manner as the Commission may deem advisable. The Commission shall meet on the first Monday in each month in regular

session and in such special sessions as may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the Commission. All regular sessions and all special sessions will be held at the Commission headquarters at 1801 North Lincoln in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

B. In addition to the other powers and duties prescribed by law, the Commission shall:

1. Institute ~~and~~ an affirmative action plan setting goal of hiring women and minorities throughout the agency; and

2. Elect a chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary, who shall perform the duties required of them by the rules and regulations of the Commission and the statutes and Constitution of the State of Oklahoma. Said chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary shall receive no extra compensation therefor; and

3. Appoint a Director, and determine the qualifications of said Director and all assistants and employees. A Commissioner shall not be eligible for employment in any position within the Department; and

4. Prescribe rules, regulations, and policies for the transaction of its business and the control of the Department; and

5. Develop and implement a plan to provide step raises for Commission Employees so that discrepancies within pay levels within a pay grade will be eliminated; and

6. Acquire by purchase, lease, ~~condemnation,~~ gift, or devise, waters, real property, and personal property incident to the exercise of its functions and to maintain, operate, and dispose of the same; and

7. Supervise the establishment, extension, improvement, and operation of the wildlife refuges, propagation areas or stations, public hunting areas, public fishing areas, game management areas, and fish hatcheries; and

8. Prescribe the manner of cooperation with the Tourism and Recreation Department, colleges and universities within the state,

other state agencies, any agency of the federal government, and any city, town, school district, or any other agency or organization in study of conservation and propagation of wildlife and in the establishment, maintenance, and operation of visual educational facilities, recreational facilities, and hunting and fishing facilities, in the study and propagation of wildlife; and

9. Supervise the letting of all contracts and purchases for the Department, with all purchases of personal property to be made through the Purchasing Division of the Office of Public Affairs; and

10. Authorize all claims or expenditures prior to the incurring of payment therefor except as otherwise provided in this Code; and

11. Prescribe rules and regulations for the sale of all regular or special licenses; and

12. Publicize and encourage the conservation and appreciation of wildlife and all other natural resources; and

13. Regulate the seasons and harvest of wildlife; and

14. Annually report to the Governor and the Legislature on the complete operation, activities, and plans of the Department, together with such recommendations for future activities as the Commission may deem to be in the best interest of the state; and

15. Provide the Governor and the Legislature with an annual inventory of all property and equipment.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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